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Sand Creek Massacre NHS News Release

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The staff of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the 10th Annual Healing Run and community Thanksgiving dinner, and the young Cheyenne and Arapaho men and women who ran from the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in relays during challenging weather all the to the City of Denver.

Special appreciation goes to the representatives and traditional leaders of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes who performed commemorative activities during the event, prepared the young people for the run, and friends and relations who supported the run through the ceremonies in Denver, including Otto Braided Hair, Lee Lone Bear, and Bill Tall Bull of the Northern Cheyenne; Ben & Gail Ridgely of the Northern Arapaho, and Richard Williams of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma with Alex Warden, Moses Tall Bear and others.

Our appreciation to the Color Guard veterans of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, William Convery of the Colorado Historical Society and Historian David Halas for their participation. Thank you also to those who so generously assisted with funding, and/or food and supplies for the community dinner – Richard Williams and Shelly Running of the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; Kiowa County Economic Development, Eads Chamber of Commerce, Shirley Warren, and all of the wonderful community cooks who contributed. Thank you to Betsy Miller and Heather Parker of Eads and Heather's father, Jim Holdaway of Kansas, for their tireless cooking, serving and cleanup after the delicious turkey and buffalo Thanksgiving dinner.

The cooperation and commitment from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and community members, made this annual event, again, very special. Thank you to all.

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